



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

Hiroshi HAGIYA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/446,634

Confirmation No.: Unassigned

Group Art Unit: 1642

Filed: December 23, 1999

Examiner: J. Hunt

For: NOVEL PLASMID DNA COMPRISING REPORTER GENE DNA AND USE OF THE
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

4-18-02

Sir:

This response is submitted to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2001. The Examiner set an one-month period for the response. Attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for a one-month extension of time, making the due date for response November 28, 2001.

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are before the Examiner for consideration.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that the present invention contains groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general invention concept. The Examiner requires Applicants to elect one of the following groups for prosecution on the merits:

Group I - Claims 1-4 and 20, drawn to a plasmid DNA and corresponding therapeutic agent.